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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Being filed herewith is a request for an extension of time of three months, together with the small entity fee therefore. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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